

WO-338

c. 1900

Ocean City Baptist Church
Ocean City
Public worship

The Ocean City Baptist Church was erected originally for the Presbyterian congregation that formed in the resort town around the turn of the century. The single story frame church was supported by a raised concrete block foundation, and early photographs of the building indicate a tower formerly rose on the southeast corner. Decorative fish-scale shingles once covered the tower as well as the east gable end. Currently aluminum siding and later additions disguise the original appearance of the church.

The Sinepuxent Beach Company of Baltimore City sold to the Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Buckingham a corner lot in Ocean City in 1895 for \$100. Located at the corner of North Division Street and Baltimore Avenue, the lot was improved within the next decade with the main block of the current church. The Presbyterians held the title to this downtown property until the early 1960s when it was transferred to the Baptist Church Extension Society of Maryland.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Ocean City Baptist Church

MHT Inventory Number: WV-338

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

Religion

2) Geographic Orientation:

Eastern Shore

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Industrial / Urban dominance
(1870-1930)

4) Resource Type(s):

Standing structure

1. Church

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-338

Magi No.

DOE ☐yes ☐no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic OCEAN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

and/or common OCEAN CITY BAPTIST CHURCH

2. Location

street & number NW Corner of Baltimore Ave. and N. Division St. not for publication

city, town Ocean City vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Ocean City Baptist Church

street & number Baltimore Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Ocean City state and zip code MD 21842

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber 1387

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio 175

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Ocean City Baptist Church occupies a raised single story frame building that stands on the northwest corner of the intersection of Baltimore Avenue and North Division Street in the center of Ocean City, Worcester County, Maryland. The church faces east with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1909, the rectangular frame church is supported by a raised, rusticated concrete block foundation, and the exterior is uniformly sheathed with aluminum siding. The steeply pitched gable front roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Rising atop the main block is a domed cupola. Attached to the front of the church is a slightly shorter single story vestibule with a twin stair providing access to the front door.

The sides of the church are pierced a rows of replacement windows, and the back of the original building is covered by later additions.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Ocean City Baptist Church was originally erected for the Presbyterian congregation that organized around the turn of the century. The single story early twentieth century structure was built on a raised concrete block foundation, however most original exterior finishes have been obscured with later additions or modern materials.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The Sinepuxent Beach Company of Baltimore City sold to the Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Buckingham a corner lot in 1895 for \$100.(FHP 5/630) Located at the corner of North Division Street and Baltimore Avenue, the lot was improved within the next decade with a single story frame church raised on a high block foundation. Historic photographs of the building indicate a tower formerly rose on the southeast corner, and decorative fish-scale shingles covered the tower and the front gable of the main block.

The Presbyterians held onto this downtown property until the early 1960s when it was transferred to the Baptist Church Extension Society of Maryland (FWH 167/323).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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OCEAN CITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Baltimore Avenue
Chain of title

1387/175 Baptist Church Extension Society
 of Maryland, Inc.

to

10/28/1987 Ocean City Baptist Church
 Lot #10, block #14 N
 Plat recorded FHP 1/550

FWH 167/323 First Presbyterian Church of
 Ocean City

to

6/17/1963 Baptist Church Extension Society
 of Maryland, Inc.

ODC 7/14 Committee of the Presbyterian Church
 of Buckingham of Berlin, Maryland

to

4/13/1910 First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City

FHP 5/630 Sinepuxent Beach Co. of Baltimore City

to

12/11/1895 Committee of the Presbyterian Church
 of Buckingham, Berlin, Maryland
 \$100

1897 SANBORN INSURANCE MAP

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OCEAN CITY BAPTIST CHURCH



